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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHUKO OKUI ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: PYRAZOLE DERIVATIVE,
PRODUCTION PROCESS
THEREOF, AND PEST CONTROL
AGENT CONTAINING THE
SAME AS ACTIVE
INGREDIENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 16, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

9 In the reaction, $R_1S(O)_nX^1$ is used in an amount of 0.5 to 10.0 molar equivalents, preferably 0.8 to 5 molar equivalents to the compound represented by the general formula (2) (wherein R^5 is hydrogen atom) and the reaction is carried out at 0°C to 150°C , preferably 0°C to 100°C . The solvent for use in the reaction includes aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, or xylene; ketones such as acetone or methyl ethyl ketone; halogenated